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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/593,460	Applicant(s) HEROLD ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 January 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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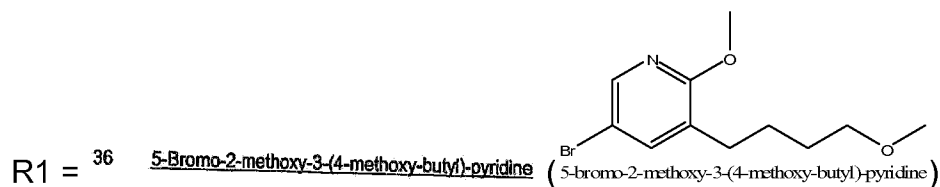
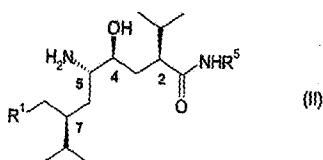
DETAILED ACTION

Status of the claims: Claims 1-5, and 7-10 are currently pending.

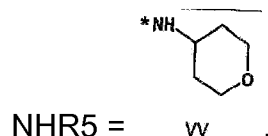
Priority: This application is a 371 of PCT/EP05/51244 (03/17/2005) and claims foreign priority to SWITZERLAND 00469/04 (03/19/2004). The certified priority documents are not of record.

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant previously elected Group I (claims 1-7) and also elected the following species (reading on claims 1-7):



Presumably attached to formula (II) to replace the 5-bromo position;



As detailed in the following rejections, the generic claim encompassing the elected species was not found patentable. Therefore, the provisional election of species is given effect, the examination is restricted to the elected species only, and

claims not reading on the elected species are held withdrawn. Accordingly, claims 8-10 are withdrawn.

Should applicant, in response to this rejection of the Markush-type claim, overcome the rejection through amendment, the amended Markush-type claim will be reexamined to the extent necessary to determine patentability of the Markush-type claim. See MPEP § 803.02.

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT REMARKS

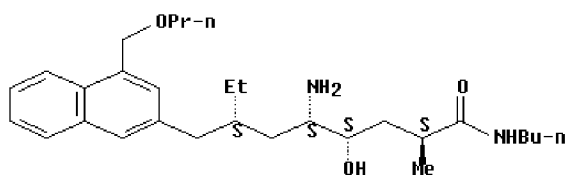
Claim Objections

2. Claim 6 was objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant canceled the claim, therefore the objection is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Goeschke et al. (CAPLUS Abstract Accession Number 1995:995373 (of patent family including EP 678503).

The reference teaches the following compound:



Applicant argues that the claims contain the following proviso which causes the claims not to read on the prior art compound:

where, in the case that R¹ is naphthyl or cyclohexenophenyl, at least the ring of said R¹ radicals not bonded directly to X is substituted as specified; or

Giving the claims their broadest reasonable interpretation, the R1 rings are “substituted as specified.” Accordingly, the **rejection is maintained** for pending claims 1-5 and 7.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for the asserted utility of the entirety of the claim scope.

In response to the rejection, applicant included with their argument experimental data titled “TEST REPORT.” This type of data is that which is properly presented in the form of a 37 CFR 1.132 declaration and not as argument. See MPEP § 2145, § 716. Applicant also points to a single line of page 16 stating: “[t]he compounds of the present invention exhibit inhibiting actions in the in vitro systems at minimum concentrations of about 10⁻⁶ to about 10⁻¹⁰ mol/l.” Based on this level of disclosure, one of skill in the art would not be appropriately informed as to whether the compounds were actually tested to show activity relevant to the compound's utility. Furthermore, it is not clear which compounds, what “in vitro systems,” or what “inhibiting actions” were demonstrated. As referred to in the prior office action, this statement appears to be a “paper example” improperly represented as work actually done and lacks the level of specificity necessary to guide one of skill in the art.

Therefore, because there is substantial unpredictability in the art and the disclosure of the specification does not contain any examples demonstrating the relevant utility of the compounds, this rejection is **maintained**.

Double Patenting

5. Claims 1-7 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 12-20, and 22-23 of copending Application No. 11/992132.

Applicant requests this rejection be held in abeyance until the claims are otherwise in condition for allowance. Therefore, this rejection is **maintained**.

Conclusion

The claims are not in condition for allowance. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT HAVLIN whose telephone number is (571)272-9066. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri., 7:30am-5pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful the examiner's supervisor, Joe McKane can be reached at (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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